

Cuitlatec language

Cuitlatec, or **Cuitlateco**, is an extinct language of Mexico, formerly spoken by an indigenous people known as Cuitlatec.

Contents
Classification
Geographic distribution
Phonology
Consonants
Vowels
Grammar
References
Bibliography
External links

	Cuitlatec
Native to	Mexico
Region	Guerrero
Extinct	1960s, with the death of Juana Can
Language family	Language isolate
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	cuy
Glottolog	cuit1236 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/cuit1236) ^[1]

Classification

Cuitlatec has not been convincingly classified as belonging to any language family. It is believed to be language isolate. In their controversial classification of the indigenous languages of the Americas, Greenberg and Ruhlen include Cuitlatec in an expanded Chibchan language family (Macro-Chibchan), along with a variety of other Mesoamerican and South American languages.^[2] Hernández suggests a possible relation to the Uto-Aztecan languages.^[3]

Geographic distribution

Cuitlatec was spoken in the state of Guerrero. By the 1930s, Cuitlatec was spoken only in San Miguel Totolapan. The last speaker of the language, Juana Can, is believed to have died in the 1960s.^[3]

Phonology

Consonants

Cuitlatec consonant phonemes

	<u>Labial</u>	<u>Dental</u>	<u>Palatal</u>	<u>Velar</u>	<u>Labio-velar</u>	<u>Glottal</u>
<u>Plosive</u>	p b	t d	tʃ	k ɡ	kʷ	ʔ
<u>Fricative</u>		ɬ	ʃ			h
<u>Approximant</u>		l	j		w	
<u>Nasal</u>	m	n				

- The sounds /f/, /s/, /r/, and /r/ are found in loan words from Spanish.

Vowels

Cuitlatec vowel phonemes

	<u>Front</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>Back</u>
<u>High</u>	i	ɨ	u
<u>Low</u>	e	a	o

Grammar

Sentences generally follow SVO word order. Adjectives precede the nouns they modify.

References

1. Hammarström, Harald; Forkel, Robert; Haspelmath, Martin, eds. (2017). "Cuitlatec" (<http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/cuit1236>). *Glottolog 3.0*. Jena, Germany: Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History.
2. Greenberg, Joseph; Ruhlen, Merritt (2007-09-04). "An Amerind Etymological Dictionary" (<http://web.archive.org/web/20101225141018/http://www.meritttruhlen.com/files/AED5.pdf>) (PDF) (12 ed.). Stanford: Dept. of Anthropological Sciences Stanford University. Archived from the original (<http://www.meritttruhlen.com/files/AED5.pdf>) (pdf) on 2010-12-25. Retrieved 2008-06-27.
3. Escalante Hernández, Robert (1962). *El Cuitlateco*. México, D.F.: Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia.

Bibliography

- Susana Drucker, Roberto Escalante, & Roberto J. Weitlaner. 1969. The Cuitlatec. In Evon Z. Vogt, ed., *Handbook of Middle American Indians, Ethnology*: Vol 7, Chapter 30. University of Texas Press, Austin: 565-575
- McQuown, Norman A. 1945. Fonémica del Cuitlateco. *El México Antiguo* 5: 239-254.
- Weitlaner, Roberto J. 1939. Notes on the Cuitlatec language. *El México Antiguo* 4: 363-373.

External links

- Cuitlatec word list on Wiktionary (https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/Appendix:Cuitlatec_word_list)

Retrieved from "https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Cuitlatec_language&oldid=958379394"

This page was last edited on 23 May 2020, at 13:28 (UTC).

Text is available under the [Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike License](#); additional terms may apply. By using this site, you agree to the [Terms of Use](#) and [Privacy Policy](#). Wikipedia® is a registered trademark of the [Wikimedia Foundation, Inc.](#), a non-profit organization.